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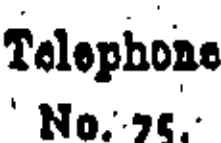
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Hongkong, 22d July, 1900. [17]

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A. F. DAVIES,
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Hongkong, 27th January, 1909.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA		Lancelin	15th Feb., P.M.
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TJIBODAS	JAVA	1st half Feb.	JAPAN	1st half Feb.
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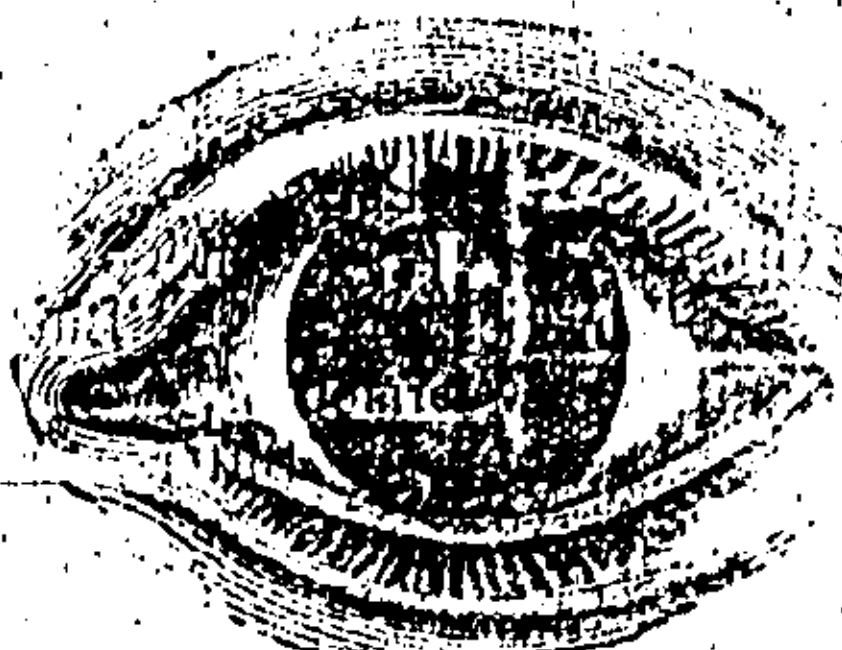
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Intimations.

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The most casual study of the history of the dance plainly shows that it is not safe to dogmatize about it. The difficulty of describing dancing is only equalled by the difficulty of describing music, except in dry technical terms. For this reason, although many Greek writers described the dance of their day, we have to piece together the pictorial representations of Greek dancers on vases, urns and bas-reliefs to gain any idea of what it was like. A little thought will show that even this is not a very safe guide, for sculpture and the plastic arts can but perpetuate one pose of many. They cannot give the mingling of one pose into another; nor any sense of the rhythm which was the informing soul of those beautiful poses. The modern "classical dance," which Miss Isadora Duncan claims to have been the first to revive some eight years ago, is probably not all similar to the classic Greek dancer. She has gone to the plastic arts for her inspiration, but these can give but a second-hand, and, possibly, a misleading idea of Greek dancing. For one thing specialized or art-dancing, as distinguished from folk-dancing (and the distinction must always be held in mind in reviewing the history of the dance) was part of the dramatic expression of the period. Moreover, the dance, as Wagner has pointed out, had not "swerved away from the Lyric." The chorus in a Greek drama passed and re-passed across the orchestra with movements which were in accordance with the measure of the music; which, again, was governed by the chanting of the verses. Moreover, according to Lucian, dancing must have been a form of acting, since the dancers' portrayal of sorrowful emotions often aroused the audiences to tears! The high esteem in which the art was held in Greece proves that it was not considered a mere sensuous entertainment. It certainly was not the specialized, "absolute" dance of to-day, which never aims at expressing anything but itself. Indeed, without going deeply into the aesthetics of the dance, a subject which presents astonishing difficulties, a broad cleavage may be noted. And, strangely enough, this cleavage has its parallel in "absolute" and "programme" music. Dancing, just as much as music, may be roughly divided into two classes: the dance which expresses a "programme" and the dance which expresses nothing but itself. Of course, each class has borrowed something of the other, and there is the same overlapping, as in music, but the broad distinction will serve.

HIPLESS WOMEN DECREED BY CREATORS OF FASHION.

Toledo, Ohio, December 12th.

The convention of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association, which has been in session here, has promulgated the styles for wearing apparel next spring.

The features of the new styles for women will be the vertical effect given the wearers. The suits will come in one, two, and three pieces, all hipless, and one of the strongest features in the change will be the reduced size at the bottom of both separate and suit skirts. The official decree on styles is as follows:

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2. A CONE point upwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.
3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.
4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.
5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.
6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.
7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.
8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signal. Indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by sight.

These Night Signals will be substituted the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Gap Rock.	Aberdeen.
Waglan.	Sau Ki Wan.
Stanley.	Sai Kung.
Cape Collinson.	Siu Tau Koi.
	Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal, from the light-houses.

F. C. FINE, Director.

(3) With 14th 1909.

Intimations.

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ALEXANDRA
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in British
CARPETS
in the
most exclusive
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for Bedrooms,
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Squares,
in 3 sizes,
from \$18.75.

Kidderminster
Squares,
all wool,
Special Thick
Quality,

3 by 4 yds.,.....\$37.50
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4 by 5 yds.,.....\$65.00

A Large Variety of
Velvet Pile
Squares,
from 9ft. by 6ft.
to 15ft. by 18ft.,
from \$35 to \$200.

Seamless Axminster
Squares,
in Artistic Designs,
3 by 3 yds. 3 by 3½ yds.
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4 by 5 yds. 5 by 6 yds.
from \$50 to \$275.

Hearthrugs
to match.

POWELL'S
Carpet Department,
First Floor,
ALEXANDRA
BUILDINGS.

Prepared, 26th December, 1908.

Intimations.

CHINESE
HIGH ART
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AT
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Exhibition of
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STATUETTES,
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&c., &c., &c.

SHOW OPEN
from
13th JANUARY, 1909,
to
27th JANUARY, 1909.

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HOURS:
Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Hongkong, 11th January, 1909.

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suitable for
PRESENTS.

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4,000 for \$8.00	4,000 for \$4.50	
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1,000 " 2.00	1,000 " 1.50	
500 " 1.00	500 " 1.00	

Also Stamps in Pockets and Sets, and other
Philatelic Requisites at prices to suit every-
body.

VIEW POSTCARDS, ALBUMS, HINGES,
RAPHAEL TUCK'S TOY BOOKS AND
RELIEF SCRAPES,
MANILA CIGARS AND CIGARETTES,
&c., &c., &c.

Inspection invited. GRACA & Co.,
No. 27, Des Voeux Road.

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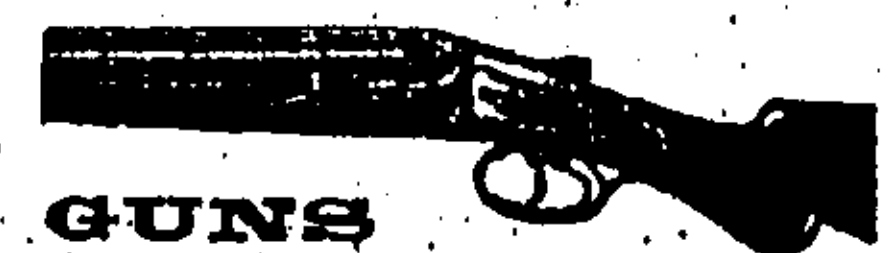
ELSEWHERE BEFORE YOU CALL AT

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NOW SHOWING

A Large and Fancy Assortment of
The Best FRENCH TOYS, DOLLS,
TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS,
CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE,
PERNOT BISCUITS.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1908.



DIRECT from the manufacturers at lowest
prices, 12 bore Double Breakdown
from 30s. each. Illustrated catalogue of
latest model Shot Guns, Combination Guns,
Browning Rifles, &c. post free. D. JAMES &
REYNOLDS, George Street, Minorities, London,
E.C. England.

THERAPION MAY NOW ALSO BE OBTAINED
IN DRAGON (TASTELESS) FORM.
CURE NO FICTION!
MANUEL UPON MARVEL!
NO SUFFERER

NOW DESPAIR!
but a single doctor's bill or falling into
the hands of a quack, may safely, speedily
and surely cure himself without the know-
ledge of a doctor. By the introduction of
NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

THERAPION NO. 1—A Sovereign
Remedy for all diseases, including
infections, the use of which does irreparable harm by
laying the foundation of stricture and other
serious diseases.

THERAPION NO. 2—A Sovereign
Remedy for primary and secondary
syphilis, all its complications, including
the joints, and all those complaints which require
discharge of pus, and which are cured by the
use of this preparation. It purifies the
whole system through the blood and thoroughly
eliminates all poisonous matter from the body.

THERAPION NO. 3—A Sovereign
Remedy for all diseases, including
infections, the use of which does irreparable harm by
laying the foundation of stricture and other
serious diseases.

Prepared, 26th December, 1908.

Public Companies.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMA-
TION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH
ORDINARY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be held at
the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, TO-
MORROW, the 28th January, 1909, at 11.15
A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st December,
1908.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from THURSDAY,
the 21st January, to THURSDAY, the 28th
January (both days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1909.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the Company's
Offices, Victoria Buildings, TO-MORROW,
the 28th January, 1909, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors, together with Statement of Accounts,
for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the
19th January, to THURSDAY, the 28th
January (both days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Invest-
ment and Agency Company, Ltd.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1909.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the Company's
Offices, Victoria Buildings, TO-MORROW,
the 28th January, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors, together with Statement of Accounts,
for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the
19th January, to THURSDAY, the 28th
January (both days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1909.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, will be
held at the Office of the Company, Hotel
Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 9th February,
at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving
a Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend,
confirming the appointment of Directors; and
electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th January to the
9th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1909.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE

MR. JULIUS ZUNDEL, having retired
from our Employment, ceases to sign
our Firm per Procuration from this Date.
ARNHOLD KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1909.

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR
and
EXPRESS TRAINS Co.

(THE
GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE
TO EUROPE.)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for
the above Company, we shall be
pleased to give any information as to rates of
passage, &c., in connection with above.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st Janr., 1909.

Dentistry.

TSIN TING.

LATEST METHODS OF DENTISTRY.

STUDIO AT NO. 14, D'AGUIAR STREET.

REASONABLE FEE.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1904.

Dr. M. H. OHAUN

THE LATEST METHOD
of the
AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY

11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

A MAIL MAIL.

(WITH NO APOLOGIES TO SHAKESPEARE OR
OTHER WRITERS OF BLANK VERSE).

[In Singapore the mail from Europe arrives
one day after the mails have been despatched
to Europe.]

To those at home.
Your letters, brought but one short week ago,
Are answered now, and on the homeward
flight

Replies do speed. But yesternow they left
this port.
And safe ensconced in the vessel's hold will
stay

Secure in sack and hamper strong, while
swift
The screws (both twin) spin round and round,
Forcing the mighty mass of steel and wood
Through waters green (or blue) along the
track—

Or through the trackless waste—
(If so be that you prefer the latter phrase)—
That leads to Home.

When time enough has passed
For that good ship to travel, mile on mile,
Three thousand and three thousand more,
And added on yet, score on score,

Brindisi's train and Calais' boat will bring
Our missives to your present-time wintry
shore.

Then through Saint Martin also named Le
Grand,
Whose habitat or home is in E.C.,
Our correspondence soon will reach
Those distant parts of England where
You wait, and where the journey's end Must
be.

But while this homeward course in mind
We trace, picturing point by point and
League on league alone; and though
To the journey's end our fancy flies
To that keen moment when our lines
You scan; all vain imaginings like these
Are swept aside and roughly put
To flight; 'till in our ears there sounds
The boom, so soul-disturbing,
Yet so grand, of the signal gun,
Telling us news of fresh import—
From you is close at hand

Then are we torn indeed, by doubt,
By hope, by fear, by vain regrets,
By wishes that we had not writ
That which we have, or having writ,
Had written more. So thus we doubt and
dread,

And wait the coming of
The mail!—That mail, that mystery
Of life and death; bearer of good report
And bad; disturber of our peace
Of mind, and wrecker of things
Such as concern us most. We wait,
In patience, be it said, or otherwise.

We wait, and in good time (or bad),
The faithful henchman, (pray God
He may not now be proved otherwise),
Brings to us the sack—that is,
The sack of letters, papers, parcels
And what not. Oh day of joy!

How sad, how woful—yet how gleeful
Is our lot. The mail!—the mail!
Has come, and we have got
That which we expected least. Now
Wretched contradiction grips our thought.
We who had writ so and so, here find
Screeds we expected not; the answers,
(So mem'ry dimly tells), to letters sent
In direful moods.

(Of course these changing moods.
Of ours, that bring about such differences
Between the letters sent and those that are
Received). But all regrets
Are vain, for by the will those
Great oceans' kings, whose vessels,
Week by week sail to and fro
It is decreed that ships that bring
The mail shall ne'er be harboured
Safe within this port till those
That have on board the G.P.O.'s consign-
ment

Bound for Europe, are full twenty-four
Or thirty hours—e'en, more—at sea.
Why this should be 'tis best not
Mortals humble such as we
Should dare inquire; but so it is,
And so we must endure a state
Of things that we do all mislike.
And though three weeks (at very least)
Must intervene before our screeds
Can reach your eager eyes (for
Eagerness there sure must be)
With you, as there's with us) yet
By this same decree of
Steamship-owning kings, delay
Is added week on week, so that
Instead of answers prompt to letters
Brought to hand each seventh day,
We need, must wait, and so
Our correspondence, long drawn out,
Is brought to sad confusion at
The last. One letter now, and eight
Or nine (not less) long, weary weeks
Must pass ere we behold a fellow-
To that same—one that refers
In terms direct to events and things
Of note, and high import of which
On that same day, long past,
We wrote.

O steamship owners, mail-ship kings,
And such as rule (like good old Brit.)
The waves, and with them all
Our destinies, can your hard hearts
Be changed; can you not bring yourselves
To see that this is not the best
That you can do for us? Reverse
These mail arrangements; make it so
That mails arrive in precedence
Of those that go; so that for us
There is the chance to save a whole,
Long week each direful time
We have to write (already
Having then received)
A letter.

—C. V. H. in Singapore Free Press.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that, on and after
1st MARCH, the SUPPLY
OF WATER to the Rider-Main Districts will
be controlled by bringing the Rider-Mains into
operation and that the Water will be turned on
to each Rider-Main daily for two consecutive
hours. Information as to the hours of supply
to any particular property may be obtained on
application at the offices of the Water Authority
or Registrar-General or at the Tung Wah
Hospital.

W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 25th January, 1909.

ALEXANDRA
CINEMATOGRAPH,
2, Zeland Street.

To-night & Every Night,
FAMILY PROGRAMME.

NO ARTISTES BUT ONLY THE
LATEST
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ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME
Every
MONDAY and THURSDAY.

These Films have never been Seen
in the East.

Programmes to be had at the door.
Hours from 9 to 11 p.m.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1909.

THE IMPERIAL COLONIAL CLUB.

THE above Club is formed chiefly for
COLONIAL and OVER-SEAS MEM-
BERS; it is situated at No. 84, Piccadilly (the
centre of Clubland), opposite the Green Park.

The Club has a Bridge Section, Reception,
Dining, Billiard Room, Smoking Lounge,
Reading Room and Library.

Ladies are eligible as Members.
Entrance Fee, Five Guineas, Annual Sub-
scription, Five Guineas.

Further particulars from
THE ORGANISING SECRETARY,
84, Piccadilly, W.

London, 19th August, 1908.

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of
COLD STORAGE available at EAST POINT.
Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.
daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver
perishable goods.

G. K. HAXTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1909.

D. NOMA,
PROFESSIONAL TATTOOER
AND
THE EXPERT REMOVER OF TATTOO
MARKS.

No. 60 QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

PATRONISED by Prince of Wales, then
H. R. H. The Duke of York, and
H. R. H. The Emperor of Russia, and having
4,500 testimonials from all sources.

My 34 years' experience in tattooing is a
guarantee of good work and prompt execution.
My colours are absolutely fast and perfectly
harmless, and produce a charming effect not
attainable by any other, as their composition is
only known to me. In tattooing unlike some
species of engravings, care must be taken to
have the work done in a perfect, high toned
manner. In order to take special precaution
against possible dangers, I use fresh materials
daily.

The copying of Portraits with distinct
faintness a speciality.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1908.

THERAPION MAY NOW ALSO BE OBTAINED
IN DRAGON (TASTELESS) FORM.THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY
TRADE MARK

This successful and highly popular remedy, used in
the Continental Hospitals by Ricard, Kossan, Jobert,
Vireux and others, combines all the desiderata to be
sought in a medicine of this kind, and surmounts every
thing that has preceded it.

THERAPION NO. 1—A mark-
ing short and effective remedy, removes all dis-
charges, effectively suppurating infections, the use of
which does irreparable harm by laying the foundation of
stricture and other serious diseases. In dysentery, piles,
diarrhoea and other serious diseases, the destruction
of the lower bowel, cough, prostaticitis, and other
infections of the urinary tract, the use of this kind, it
and some of the more serious complications, forcing prompt
relief, and restoring the patient to health.

THERAPION NO. 2—A remedy for
all diseases, including infections, the use of which does
irreparable harm by laying the foundation of stricture
and other serious diseases. In dysentery, piles,
diarrhoea and other serious diseases, the destruction
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Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBOROUGH,
LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO
AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship
"MONTGOMERYSHIRE."

Captain Jackson, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby
informed that their goods are being landed at
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's
risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on MONDAY, 25th instant, at
3 P.M.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen
days of the steamer's arrival here, after which
date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 25th instant will be
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1909.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "GHAZEE"
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 1st February will be
subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Underwriter on or before the
25th February, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 1st February, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1909.

Intimations.

PABST BREWING COMPANY,
MILWAUKEE.

FRESH SUPPLIES
ALWAYS KEPT IN STOCK

BY
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents for

HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1907.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG & CO.,
同公隆李

CABINET-MAKERS AND ART DECORATORS,
from Shanghai, has reopened their
FURNITURE STORE

No. 39, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.
The only Shop in Hongkong with this name.

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE
of every description can be made to
order in any design required.

Have been patronised by the Hongkong
Club, Hongkong Hotel, Telegraph Co.,
Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Firms and other
leading Establishments in the Colony, to
whom reference can be made as to the
Superior Workmanship and Materials of the
Furniture, &c., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., write as
follows:

"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI
KWONG LOONG furnished the Annex to
our Dispensary and gave us every satis-
faction."

(Sd.) A. S. WATSON & Co.,

ORDERS punctually attended to, and
CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1908.

**BENGER'S
Food**

is quite distinct from
any other. It possesses
the remarkable property
of rendering milk, with
which it is mixed
when used, quite
easy of digestion by
children, invalids and
convalescents.

Benger's Food is sold in
tins by Chemists, etc.
everywhere.

Intimation.



A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

HIGH-CLASS CONFECTIONERY.

We have just unpacked our NEW SEASON'S CONFECTIONERY imported from the leading London, Parisian and American Houses.

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATES.

IN FANCY BOXES:

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS, CHOCOLATE WALNUTS, CHOCOLATE DE LA REINE, VIENNA CHOCOLATE and others, in Great Variety.

FULLER'S CONFECTIONERY.

COCOANUT TAFFY, ALMOND TAFFY, CREME APRICOTS, SUCRE DE LA CREME CARAMELS, PEPPERMINT LUMPS, MARSHMALLOW BALLS

&c., &c., &c.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS

AND

KOWLOON DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1909.

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NOTICE.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1909.

HUCHI.

Thunders of cannons' recognition announced the fact that His Imperial Majesty the German Emperor was celebrating his birthday to-day. Out in the Far East, we are away from the turmoil and tumult of disturbance so far as it affects friendly nations. We have got a wider outlook, a longer perspective and a clearer idea of the procession of events than is possible to the ordinary individual who depends upon mere hearsay from day to day. These inconsequent views do not appeal to the gentleman known as the man-in-the-street, because he has no appreciation of the relations existing between the two nations. But out in this Colony, where many of our most respected citizens are the subjects of the Emperor William the fact is recognised that the two Saxon nations have every reason to be on the best of terms, which is best evidenced by the fact that there is scarcely a board of directors on which they are not represented. We know the true value of their presence. The same feeling of fellowship prevails in Shanghai and Singapore, and although at times matters have been strained internationally there has never been the slightest symptom of diversity from the path of friendship between individual Germans and Britishers. Even those who do not have

a hankering after German communion, always hold respect and esteem for one of the most orderly, industrious and able sections of the community. The Kaiser's fiftieth birthday is marked by rejoicings sufficient to acclaim the occasion, and he would be a poor, mean-spirited person who refused to join in celebrating the greatest descendant of the great Frederick. To our German friends, therefore, we offer our salutations, with an extra special "Hoch dem Kaiser" as a small return for their contribution towards the uplifting of the Colony of Hongkong.

IN OLDEN DAYS.

Many and various are the views held in Hongkong as to the desirability of having a Municipal Council in Hongkong appointed under conditions similar to those in force in the Shanghai Settlement or in Singapore. On such a subject it is natural that every British subject should have his own personal ideas, culled from his experience of local or parochial institutions of the same character in the mother country. That there is any possibility of such a scheme being adopted is another question, especially in a Crown Colony, although it should not be overlooked that in the West Indian colonies which are governed on practically identical principles to those adopted in Hongkong, have their municipal councils elected by the people. It may be said, as a matter of fact, that any proposal to have a municipal council here, composed entirely of unofficial representatives with an official of the Government as president, is as far distant as the Greek Kalends. At the same time, the subject crops up now and again, and what has attracted our attention to the matter is the fact that almost exactly 40 years ago the residents of Hongkong were then discussing the problem, and wondering whether they could, by means of earnest agitation, secure the establishment of a municipal council. For some time past, the *Shanghai Mercury* has been quoting from the newspapers published in Hongkong and Shanghai in those remote days, when fortunes were being made and the meaning of "oil" as it is understood to-day was unknown, and among the curious items which are recorded in one referring to this question. The date when the article in question was published was 23rd January, 1869, and apparently the proposal for the establishment of a city council had taken definite shape. According to the writer of the time the principal source of complaint was the excessive cost at which the existing system was maintained. "Not only is the cost great but the residents have no voice in its administration." We have certainly advanced in respect of unofficial representation, but how far that advancement has proceeded or how effective the representation has been proved to be when the official element is opposed to the opinions and suggestions of the people's elected members may fittingly be left to the judgment of the reader. The police force in 1869 affords a YETI contrast in the force as we know it to-day. We quote: "The police force, too, while it is too large in numbers for the work it has to perform and is a steady burden on the ratepayers, is found to be most inefficient. Intended to preserve order and discipline and to detect crime amongst a population of rowdy English sailors and determined Chinese gamblers and thieves, it can scarcely be believed that it consists almost entirely of Sikhs speaking only their own language, and being ignorant equally of the manners and speech of the two main classes of the population with which they have to deal." In no respect can the force, even as regards the Indians, compare with that of the present day, for, in the first place, nobody would contend that it is excessively recruited nor can it be maintained that the Sikhs are, generally speaking, ignorant of colloquial Chinese. As to their efficiency in cases of emergencies, or their ability to direct or hold converse with Europeans it is not probable that they have advanced far beyond the primary stage, a few members being notable exceptions. The writer then had a fling at the Legislative Council and its higher authority which critics have been known to describe as the Star Chamber. In this connection, the remarks of the writer who paraphrased Hongkong comments may be submitted. He said: "It is felt like, wise that the members of the Legislative and Executive Councils being few in number, and having other duties to perform, do not care to interest themselves personally, and that in consequence the whole charge is given over to paid officials. Employed too with their duties as legislators, and accustomed to make laws binding in their strictest sense, they cannot adopt that tone towards the body of taxpayers at large which an elective executive could afford to do." Proceeding from those comments the Shanghai Journalist held that compared with the state of Shanghai, Hongkong offered a curious contrast. While municipal institutions had made Great Britain what it was, it seemed strange that the one spot in the Far East which acknowledged British law should be also that where British subjects had least liberty of action. "We do not see any particular reason for this. When Hongkong

was first ceded to the British Crown the experiment of municipal government had not been tried in the East, but now that the lapse of twenty years has proved it not only practical but that the action of the municipal institutions has really evolved out of a chaos far worse than Hongkong ever was, the existing council at Shanghai, with what we may call its annual parliaments, we do not think there need be any fear of local and Imperial interests clashing in the Colony." So that Shanghai looked on complacently while Hongkong was struggling for local control. "It may be the case," continued the journalist of 1869 "that the very absence of central power and the want of any sharply drawn limit has forced the council here to adapt itself to the circumstances of the case. Like the British Constitution itself, it is a compromise, now advancing a step and anon yielding when pressure from without is put upon it. It can at all events be said of it that it has been a powerful engine for the preservation of order; that, composed as it is of men of different nationalities, it has never lent itself to political squabbles; that its authority existing as it does mainly by prescription is willingly submitted to by the many residents; and that in fine it has ever been found by the officials a valuable aid in the due preservation of law and order." And there the quotation ends, Shanghai being supremely content with the advantage it had gained over Hongkong. That the Shanghai Municipal Council has done excellent work in the interval cannot be denied, but the conditions existing in Shanghai to-day do not in any degree correspond to those in Hongkong. It is an interesting fact, however, to note that a generation ago, the question of municipal government was to the fore in this Colony and that the residents then, who are too often accused of lethargy so far as public interests are concerned, were by no means so inactive as is generally supposed to have been the case.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

HER Excellency Lady Lugard has had a better night and her condition has slightly improved.

BUSINESS at the Supreme and Police Courts was very slack to-day.

A SHOP-COOLIE was given three months' hard labour by Mr. J. R. Wood for being a member of the Triad Society.

THAMAN SINGH, an Indian, had to pay \$4 into the Government Treasury for being found drunk and incapable yesterday.

QUEEN Alexandra has distributed among charities the sum of £10,000, the first proceeds of the sale of "Photographs from My Camera."

Six weeks' hard labour was awarded Sin Po, a fisherman, for obtaining goods under false pretences with intent to defraud on the 24th inst.

We did not know how optimistic our composition staff were until we discovered that in the heading of our leading article of yesterday, (19th inst.) they made us say that the surplus funds of the F. M. S. exceed forty-one million pounds instead of dollars.—*Parak Plumber.*

TSUI YUI, an unemployed Celestial, was charged in the Police Court, this morning (1) with stealing from the person of one Tung Kwai a silver earring with a jade stone drop attached, valued at \$1.20, and (2) with returning from banishment. A sentence of six months' hard labour was passed on each count.

A SUM of \$1,849—\$3,700 in Amoy currency—was telegraphed to the President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Amoy, to-day (14th inst.) from Penang, in aid of the sufferers from the recent Cheang Chew floods. The Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, we are informed, very kindly transmitted the amount without charging for the telegram.—*Straits Echo.*

SNATCHING ear-picks from the heads of Chinese women and robbing helpless children of valuables on their person are very common in the Colony. Wong Kwok, a twenty-two-year-old youth, was arraigned before Mr. J. R. Wood on a charge of stealing from the person of a child aged ten months a gold-mounted rattan bangle worth \$3.80 at Stanley Street the other day. The result was the exemplary punishment of six months' hard labour.

WE (*Siam Free Press*) learn that a Chinese newspaper has been recently started in Bangkok which will be chiefly devoted to Chinese affairs and politics. Some issues have already appeared. This paper is printed wholly in Chinese character and is known as the *Kee Nam Daily News*. It is said to be an anti-revolutionist organ, its policy being altogether on the side of the Government. It is further stated that the recent visit of Dr. Sun Yat Sen to Bangkok led to the publication of this paper by the loyalist Chinese.

THE *Siam Free Press* says:—We learn that a new Bank has been opened recently at Sam Sen with a considerable capital. This will do business chiefly by lending money and paying good interest for capital deposited. Of course those who borrow money will have to pay in proportion, but prospects are held that excellent business can be done in this way. We are informed also that several other private banks on a smaller scale, for lending money, have been started of late, and such enterprises speak well for keeping money in circulation. The sort of Bank most needed for the peasantry would be a State Bank which would advance the paddy planters and other cultivators certain amounts of money at a low rate of interest to help them along to increase their industry and develop their trade more and more; but, according to present indications this may also come to pass.

Amoy.

THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Following is an official report of the annual meeting of the ratepayers of the International Settlement of Kulangsu, Amoy, held at the Board Room, Kulangsu, on the 19th inst.

Present:—Messrs. J. H. Arnold, G. W. Barton, H. Bathurst, R. Braun, A. Coghill, W. Davies, W. M. d'Oliveira, F. H. Edwards, J. D. Edwards, L. C. Escott, A. J. M. Faugue, M. Feller, J. S. Fenwick, W. W. Fredrick, L. Giles, H. Gottwaldt, W. H. Howard, E. Jensen, W. F. Kahler, Mr. Keshibabari, H. O. Kohler, W. Komaroff, W. Kruse, C. Lee, J. J. C. Lorentzen, F. H. Luccas, Revd. J. Macgowan, Dr. H. McDougall, J. Menarini, Dr. C. Merr (Chairman), Dr. J. Morehead, Y. Mori, J. P. Morley, M. B. Nilzen, J. Noble, S. Okazaki, S. Okuyama, Dr. A. J. Otto, P. M. Sauger, A. J. Sundius, J. H. Thatcher, L. I. Thomas, Miss Usher, Revd. G. M. Wales, W. H. Wallace, C. J. Weed, C. Whitfield, W. Wilson, A. H. Wilzer, the Secretary and others.

Dr. Merr, Consul for Germany and Senior Consul, was in the chair.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Mr. W. H. Wallace, Chairman of the 1908 Council, addressed the meeting as follows:—Our annual report for 1908, which has now been in your hands for some days, is of such a voluminous character, that but few remarks from the chairman of your council are called for. Still there are points I desire to touch on before you are asked to pass the accounts and estimates. At the end of 1908 we show roughly a balance in hand of \$577 after allowing for a payment of \$1,800 on new buildings account, whereas we estimated to have a surplus of some \$3,000. The difference is principally due to two items, viz., Expenditure on new buildings, and an item of \$900 for Land Commissioners' fees.

As regards the allowances we have made in the Budget for the current year on an expenditure of \$2,000 on a new pavilion, this is only a proposal, and the Council by no means bind themselves to such a scheme, as they consider it is a matter that the Ratepayers at this meeting should decide, and if you consider such an expenditure excessive, or undesirable, or that the scheme should be modified, we are quite prepared to fall in with your views. It would be, however, as well to bear in mind that on the inception of the Council the old pavilion was taken over as Municipal property, so of course it is the duty of your Council to keep it in repair, and in making the suggestion of a corrugated iron building in place of one built on similar lines to the old one, we would point out that we think an iron building would be cheaper in the long run, as it would be imperative to white walls, whereas a building such as the old one is constantly needing repairs from this cause. The old building brought you in a rental of \$75 per annum, but whatever sum you decide to expend we would suggest that the new rental should be on a basis of 10% per annum on outlay, thus if we expend \$3,000 as proposed, we shall receive say \$300 as rental. I will but lightly touch on the question of an Assistant to your Secretary and Superintendent of Police, for it must be obvious to anyone conversant with the growth of work in the different Municipal Departments during the past few years, that it has become impossible for any one man to conscientiously and successfully cope with the same. Another matter I think your attention should be called to, and that is the engagement of a trained nurse, to work under the orders of the Health Officer and to be at the disposal of the foreign residents of the Island. Whether such a nurse should be engaged by the Council and paid for out of public funds, or whether obtained by private endeavour, is a matter for the Ratepayers, but the Council think the question should receive your earnest attention. The matter of the construction of buildings and the power of the Council to prosecute contractors and others for using materials of an inferior quality or erecting buildings of faulty construction, was brought home to many of us during the severe storm of last October, and has engaged our attention, but as we are advised that our present regulation on the subject of Building Permits gives us ample powers, we do not propose asking you to add anything to the existing bye-law, but cases arising where Ratepayers think it advisable for the Council to prosecute should be brought to our notice. In conclusion it is my pleasant duty to record on behalf of myself and my fellow Councilors our complete satisfaction with the work of our secretary, Mr. Mitchell, who has displayed his customary tact and energy in the performance of his somewhat various and distinctly arduous duties.

Mr. Bathurst desired before the accounts for 1908 and the Budget for 1909 were brought forward for passing, to call attention to certain points in the accounts, budget and annual report. He would like to know why the prison, police and general charges had gone up in recent years, and mentioned several items—why the Police Staff reduced from twenty-eight in 1904 to nineteen in 1908 cost more in the latter year in wages and what scale were the Land Commissioners paid?

Mr. Wallace replied that while he could not accept Mr. Bathurst's figures as being by any means correct the charges he mentioned must in the ordinary course increase automatically. The pay of the Police was progressive and included such items as a bonus on completion of engagement, deferred pay, and passage money to India, all of which tended to swell the total, and therefore these items must show an increase, and this of course would be more apparent in certain years than in others. The Land Commissioners were paid a fee of \$300 each, which was by no means excessive for the work they were called upon to do.

Mr. Bathurst then remarked that there were four sergeants in a force of nineteen, and suggested that sergeants and more men. As regards the annual report he would like to know how the Council arrived at the number of buildings on the Island?

Mr. Wallace: From the Land Commissioners.

Mr. Bathurst: But it does not say so in the Budget. How do you arrive at the population?

Mr. Wallace: By the census, which was very kindly voluntarily taken by Mr. Gottwaldt, of the Land Commission.

Mr. Bathurst: If you have only taken a census once it is impossible to tell whether there has been an increase or decrease in the population. I do not agree to, or see the necessity of, an Assistant Secretary and Superintendent of Police, and as regards the Staff of the Council being a "one man show," if, as suggested in the Council's Annual Report, the present Secretary and Superintendent of Police goes on leave, although you engage an Assistant, it will still be a "one man show."

Mr. Menarini: I would like to know if the engagement of an Assistant is approved, whether his duties will be of a clerical nature, or will he be an outside man?

Mr. Wilson (Watch and Assessment Committee). Mr. Wallace, the Chairman of the 1908 Council, has asked me to answer certain questions which have been raised. Anyone with a little common observation could see that in recent years the number of houses in the Settlement and the population has increased enormously. The Council's intention is that the proposed Assistant should be primarily for outdoor Police and Sanitary work, and so relieve Mr. Mitchell considerably. At present it is impossible for your Secretary and Superintendent of Police to go round the Island as often as he would like, or to give that personal attention to all matters, whether in connection with office or outside, which he did formerly, before the work increased to its present extent. As regards Mr. Mitchell's leave which I venture to remark he has earned—and the remarks concerning the phrase "one man show," his leave would not make much difference; it will simply mean that "the one man show" will continue a little longer, that is all. Some of Mr. Bathurst's remarks were hardly pertinent.

Mr. Bathurst (interrupting) said he did not want any of that sort of thing. (Laughter.)

Mr. Wallace: You have misunderstood Mr. Wilson; he said "pertinent" not "impertinent" remarks.

Mr. Wilson also explained that he had not used the word "impertinent," and, continuing, said:—It was necessary to have an Assistant-Say, for instance, supposing Mr. Mitchell's health was to break down, they would be in a bad way, for they could not expect any Councilor they might elect to neglect his business to take up Mr. Mitchell's duties; he for one at any rate would not do so. Besides, the work had increased to such an extent that it was impossible to carry on efficiently without an Assistant, and as years went by the work would still further increase.

Dr. Otto proposed, seconded by Mr. Thomas, that the Accounts for 1908 be passed.

On being put to the meeting forty-three were in favour, and the motion was accordingly passed.

It was proposed by Mr. Sundius, seconded by Mr. F. H. Edwards, that the Estimates for 1909 be passed.

Mr. Coghill desired to know whether the Island was run for the Chinese or the Foreigners?

The Chairman: Both.

Mr. Coghill: What?

The Chairman: Both the Foreigners and the Chinese.

Mr. Coghill complained that the Island was being run for the benefit of the Chinese.

Mr. Wilson said the Island was being run for the benefit of everybody, and he thought it only fair and right that the Chinese should have every consideration considering that more than half the Municipal Revenue was derived from purely Chinese sources.

Mr. Thomas desired to move an amendment to the Estimates for 1909 as they at present stood; viz. that the sum of \$2,000 shown in the Budget for 1909 to be expended on the Recreation Ground Pavilion be struck out, and the ruins of the old pavilion be handed over to the Kulangsu Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club, leaving it to the Club to make their own arrangements as to a new pavilion. As only a section of the community would benefit, it was hardly right to expend such a sum solely for this section. He further thought that the \$2,000 would be more usefully employed, having in view the number of recent robberies, in increasing the Police force.

Mr. Braun wished to know, before any motion was put to the meeting, under what conditions the Recreation Ground was given to the community. Was it to the whole Foreign community or only part of the community?

Mr. Wallace explained the conditions under which the ground was held and the boundaries which showed that part belonged to the Foreign community as a whole, and part to the Kulangsu Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club, and in reply to a further question from Mr. Braun, stated that every member of the Foreign Community is allowed to use the ground.

The amendment moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Menarini, was then put to the meeting and carried by thirty-eight votes to one.

Mr. Arnold then moved that \$2,000 struck out of the Budget be added to the amounts earmarked for expenditure on Police and Sanitary services in 1909, and wished to make it a second amendment to the 1909 Estimates accordingly. Mr. Lee, having seconded, Mr. Arnold's amendment was put to the meeting and carried by thirty-three votes to one.

The Estimates for 1909, as amended by the above two amendments, were then put to the meeting and passed by thirty-eight votes to one.

On the Chairman asking whether any Ratepayer desired to put any questions,

Dr. Otto begged, in no spirit of criticism, to make a few remarks on the present method of building and repairing the roads in the Settlement, and said he had been desired to do so

by the Chinese, and he was grateful to Mr. Wilson for making it plain that the Council considered the interests of the Chinese equally with the interests of the Foreigners. The so-called macadamizing of the roads was really neither one thing or the other, but he attached no blame to those responsible, for he fully realized the difficulties and he knew it was impossible to make a macadam road without the proper machinery for the purpose, and especially a steam-roller. He would suggest to the incoming Council, and he felt sure they would take his remarks in the spirit in which they were meant, to try the experiment of roads paved with bricks, and he could not agree with the remarks in the Annual Report on roads so constructed. The Chinese, and more especially the women with small feet, found some of the present roads a great trial to walk on. Mr. Menarini called attention to the number of deportees arriving at this port, and attributed many of the recent robberies to the operations of these experienced thieves. He suggested that the new Council should approach the Consular Body, with a view to their respective Governments being communicated with on the subject, and that the Territorial Officials be also asked to co-operate in the matter. After some further discussion on the subject,

The Chairman read out the following names of Ratepayers offering themselves for election as Councilors for 1909:—

Messrs. J. S. Fenwick, W. Kruse, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson, W. H. Wallace and A. H. Wilzer.

Mr. Menarini suggested that at only the requisite number of gentlemen offered themselves, the names be submitted to the meeting en bloc. The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sundius, accordingly put the names to the meeting, and they were duly elected by thirty-eight votes to two.

With a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Arnold, the meeting closed.

GERMAN EMPEROR'S FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY.

RECEPTION AT GERMAN CONSULATE.

To-day being the occasion of the German Emperor's fiftieth birthday, the warships in harbour were dressed for the occasion and a Royal Salute was fired at noon. A reception was held at the German Consulate, when the Consular representatives were present to offer their felicitations. Captain Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, attended the reception on behalf of Sir Frederick Lugard.

THE JAMMED-IN "DJAMBI."

AN ARDUOUS TASK.

Slow and laborious is the task of clearing the smashed-up steamer *Djambi* of the mass of wreckage and cargo that lies submerged at Tanjong Pagar East Wharf. From all appearances the wreck seems likely to remain for some considerable time in the position into which she was forced when the French-masted boat *Polymnia* crashed into her. The relative position of the two masts and the funnel show clearly how disastrous must have been the effect of the collision. If not actually cut in two, the boat must be considerably "buckled" on her port side. The results of this in the interior of the vessel are at present known only to the divers who are busy beneath the surface. One diver descends from a boat direct into the water where the damage directly due to the collision must be greatest. That portion of the cargo which consists of tin sheeting in cases seems to have suffered damage equally with the interior fittings, though many of the cases hauled to the surface by a floating crane, and deposited in a lighter alongside, are in fairly good condition. It is the task of the diver in this part of the ship to grope about among the mixed up masses of metal, and, having got together two or three cases of tin, to pass a chain round them so that they may be hauled to the surface. In the forehold, which is reached by a ladder over the side of the wharf, it is probable the state of disorder is not so great, but the difficulty in each instance is enhanced by reason of the fact that the *Djambi* is lying nearly abeam.

On inquiry yesterday afternoon, reports the *Singapore Free Press* of 19th inst., it was stated that none of the bodies of the seven coolies, believed to be in the after part of the ship, had been found.

Even when the *Djambi* is lightened of her cargo there will be the greatest difficulty in getting her righted, as she is wedged in under the ruins of the wooden pier, and also, no doubt, firmly fixed in the mud. Evidently the effect of the "collision" by the *Polymnia* was not only to cut into the *Djambi*, but to force her downwards in a slanting direction, and then to sail over her and into the wooden pier. No attempt has yet been made to remove the wreck, age of the pier, some of which lies alight, the half-submerged vessel.

THE PROHIBITED POPPY.

While the International Opium Commission is in process of assembling at Shanghai on Feb. 1st the Government of India, who are an interested party in this matter, are also collecting all available data. Mr. Okden, Collector of Ballia, and Mr. Butler, Settlement Officer of Kotah, have been temporarily attached to the Financial Department for certain inquiries in connection with the cultivation and production of opium in India. Students of our daily telegrams from the Frontier will notice that Afghanistan is preparing to capture this lucrative trade directly India gives it up, while China will find it difficult to restrain its own agriculturalists from competing with the Amir. It is this which may possibly convert our present Opium policy into one of the present instances of the highest argument that the present generation has seen. (*Indian Daily News*)

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 26th January.

A certain Minister in Peking has applied for an extension of the International Settlement in Shanghai. The Central Government has not yet replied to the application.

AMENITIES IN PEKING.

OFFICIAL CALL ON THE PRINCE REGENT.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 26th January.

The Diplomatic Corps have decided to pay their formal respects to the Prince Regent on the 2nd prox.

TANG SHAO-YI.

REQUESTED TO RETURN.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 26th January.

The Prince Regent has instructed the Grand Councillors to wire to H.E. Tang Shao-yi urging the special ambassador to return to China by the second moon.

CHINESE TELEGRAPHS.

RETRINCHMENT IN SALARIES.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 26th January.

The Ministry of Posts and Communications has reduced the salaries of the staff at the various telegraph stations by thirty per cent.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

BETTER CONTROL DESIRED.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 26th January.

The Prince Regent is not satisfied with the manner in which the finances of the various Provinces are controlled by the Viceroy and Governors of the respective territories without reference to the Central Government.

It has been decided that members of the Municipal Council shall be asked to exercise supervision over the Estimates in each province.

Such members refusing to comply with instructions will be severely punished.

THE OPIUM HABIT.

BRITISH DELEGATE'S SUGGESTION.

Chicago December 16.—"Insanity grows three times as fast in proportion as the increase of population in the United States."

Dr. David Paulson, President of the Anti-Cigarette League, made this statement yesterday afternoon.

"China," he continued, "used 26 grains of opium last year for every man, woman and child. The United States used 56 grains. There are at least one million opium users in this country."

New York, December 16.—The problem of checking the opium habit was discussed by Mr. Mackenzie King, a member of the Canadian Parliament, who sails for England to-day on route to attend the International Conference on Opium to be held at Shanghai, China, beginning on February 1st. Mr. King said:

"It is my opinion that the use of the opium in a harmful way can only be checked by striking direct at the very root of the raising of poppies, to so great an extent as to make impossible the spread of their produce other than as a mere medicine. The only way in which this can be done is through a congress of representatives of all the nations concerned. I think that this conference will unquestionably be successful."

As for the opium traffic in Canada, we have pretty well obliterated it there. Last year there were as many as seven factories on our Pacific Coast, fed by raw product from India. From them the drug was smuggled into the United States. We passed a Law prohibiting its manufacture and sale, and closed them in six months."

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT.

Under the presidency of the American Consul-General in Hongkong, Mr. A. P. Wilder, the annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held to-day at the City Hall. There was, as usual, a large attendance of ladies including Mrs. Peter, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. May, Mrs. Edkins, Mrs. Bunbury, Mrs. Gompertz, Mrs. Voretsch, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Hickling, Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Slade, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Turner, Miss Jones and Mrs. Gresson. The Rev. J. H. Franco, Rev. F. T. Johnston, Rev. C. H. Hickling and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., were also present. An apology for absence from the Bishop was read.

Dr. Wilder said—This society, whose annual meeting is held this day, has for twenty years in this Colony been a help to indigent Europeans. It has not been able to say to all such "Your troubles are over; we will carry you"—for no society is rich enough to defray all bills of all people in want, and a society would do harm that attempted it; but thanks to the Hongkong Benevolent Society and its generous supporters, it is now eligible for any European in distress to present himself or herself to Mr. Franco or the Honorary Secretary, a lady, and have the merits of the case threshed out. If it be a meritorious case, relief can be afforded to an extent; indeed it is happy reading to see how many people have been set on their feet. And if there be a factor of unworthiness, the case is not wholly refused; for if you and I were turned down by parents, friends and the Almighty except when we were right, we would usually be found wrong side up. There is a cold, practical, just attitude in dealing with men that may have its place in certain relations—as, for instance, in the conduct of business; but this attitude will not get far in the upbuilding of men and women who are down. Justice is a majestic thing, but its field is the tribunal and the market place, rather than in the operation of a society for the relief of the unfortunate; the suffering and the weak. Humanity touches the heroic, note on rare occasions as a reminder of its high origin, but day in and day out the philanthropist must be very charitable and patient, he must forget much and much hope against hope. One need not forgive a clerk seventy times seven, in the sense of entrusting the combination of the safe to him; but the persevering kindness of the precept is by no means nonsense. There is a mean between fustian sentimentalism and granite justice. It was struck of late by a father in dealing with his son. The young man had been covering the Orient in his own way, calling on the father for money from time to time. The old man had responded bravely again and again. Having reached Hongkong the wanderer once more smote the rock of parental resources, in fact he interested "touched" the consulate for the price of a cablegram. The answer was disappointing; it was the one word "work." Charity had in this case done its beautiful part and justice assumed her tidy function. I am glad to say, to the welfare of the young man, to meet and listen to the long life histories of the applicants is tedious business and the later investigations require time and patience. These tasks your managers have done faithfully. In one way the number of those helped appears limited compared to reports of home societies; yet it is to be remembered that for a European to be stranded in this remote part of the world is grave business and relief proportionately expensive, especially when transportation charges are incurred. Our annual budget is not large. Every dollar is laid out judiciously and being attended by personal interest is made profitable to the applicant; for unless the man is led to work and to help himself, merely to feed him to-day when he will be hungry again to-morrow is to pour water into a sieve. It is a convenience to have this machinery of charity in Hongkong. It ought not to be necessary to urge citizens to remit the \$12 annual dues, a less or a greater amount, as a primary item of the year's individual outlay. Having done this one feels free to refer applicants to the society. Mrs. Pollock, the Hon. Secretary, goes home for a time and Mr. Franco retires—the two wheel horses of the work in late years, but new material will develop. We thank them not more for their diligence and sweet reasonableness with the unfortunate and erring than for the standards of efficiency they have set their successors. (Applause.)

The Chairman then read the fiftieth annual report of the Hongkong Benevolent Society as follows: The ladies of the committee of the Hongkong Benevolent Society desire again to thank members and friends who through another year have given them the means of carrying out the objects of the Society, and have much pleasure in submitting the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1908. The number of applicants this year has been greater than last, many have applied during the course of the year whose cases are not detailed in this Report, some have been refused as unworthy of assistance, others were not within the scope of the Society and others have obtained work through letters of introduction, or by influence of the members of the Committee. Twenty-one have received assistance with money, clothes, board and lodging until work could be found, or passages paid, to various places where they had promise of work. We have had very few residents applying for help; most of our cases this year have been men who came to Hongkong with the belief that there was plenty of work to be got, and have become destitute to honestly trying to find it some of course have drifted here as rolling stones—and are not entirely satisfactory cases to help, but it is difficult to definitely class them as undeserving. Unfortunately we cannot follow our cases to their conclusions, but we have had several instances this year of apparently undesirable characters, who but for the Society would have been practically starving

and by the help given have turned over a new leaf, and are regaining their positions and in some cases they have refunded what the Society has spent on them, and have also sent money to pay debts left behind in the Colony. Such cases amply compensate for mistakes and disappointments in others. Twenty-six other cases have received help through the Rev. J. H. Franco, the Seamen's Chaplain, who gives invaluable assistance to the Society by investigating cases and helping the deserving. As Mr. Franco is leaving the Colony in May the Committee take this opportunity of thanking him most sincerely for all the valuable help which he has given during the past ten years. He will be greatly missed and our very best wishes go with him to his new field of labour. (Applause.) A brief Report will be found on another page regarding the Guarantee Scheme. The Society has paid for the support and education of four children during the past year. One girl has finished her education and writes expressing gratitude for all the Society has done for her. One old man, too old to work, who received a monthly allowance, died last month. The thanks of the Committee are due to the managers of the various steamship companies who have assisted us by granting reduced passages. The following ladies retire as they are leaving the Colony for a time: Mrs. Peter, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Slade and Mrs. Pollock. In conclusion the Committee sincerely thank all those who have helped them during the past year; and hope that the many new residents in the Colony will become subscribers and so join us in our attempts to help those who are in need, and are less fortunate than ourselves.

The following is the report of the Guarantee Scheme during 1908: At the last annual meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society an appeal was made in connection with this scheme for guarantors for the ensuing year but only two gentlemen came forward. Of these two only one was called upon. "A man of respectable character, but in destitute circumstances, was admitted to the Sailors' Home, where he stayed 17 days at the expense of his guarantors. He was thus enabled to look round and find work instead of being reduced to begging, or the House of Detention and so was undoubtedly saved from deterioration. The second guarantor though not called upon in the ordinary way very kindly permitted the full amount of his guarantee (\$300.00) to be used in relieving a case of distress which could not rightly be brought under the conditions of the scheme. In view of the very limited response of last year it would seem on the whole better to discontinue the scheme and to invite any who might be disposed to become guarantors to contribute instead to the general Funds of the Ladies Benevolent Society.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Rev. Mr. Hickling, in the course of a lengthy speech in seconding, congratulated the society on the excellent report presented and detailed the principles of the guarantee fund. He dwelt on the fact that Hongkong was on the highway of the world and unfortunate people were induced to come to Hongkong thinking to find it an El Dorado only to find out their mistake too late and it was that class that required assistance. He referred to the international character of the society, remarking that in 21 cases that were helped there were nine different nationalities. He also spoke of the admirable work done by Mr. Franco.

The motion was unanimously adopted. The Chairman proposed that the following committee be elected: Mrs. May, president; Mrs. Hastings, vice-president; Mrs. Edkins, hon. secy.; Mrs. Turner, hon. treasurer; Mrs. Hickling, Mrs. Bunbury, Mrs. Gresson, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Sanders, Miss Jones, Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Bodeley.

Rev. Mr. Johnston seconded and proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary, Mrs. Pollock and the retiring members of the committee for the work they had done during the year.

The motion was adopted.

Mrs. Peter moved, and Mrs. Pollock seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, which was cordially awarded. The meeting then ended.

CHINA'S PROGRESSIVE REGENT.

It is reported that the Prince Regent of China spends three hours in reading newspapers every evening after work and cuts out all articles on important topics of the day and references to mis-government in any part of the Empire with a view of taking action thereon after the hundred days of mourning. It is also stated that the Regent proposes to have outlines of the country's policies made known to the people through the Governors and Viceroy of the provinces, and also to communicate them to the various nations through the Chinese representatives abroad—*China Critic*.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.	
London—Bank T.T.	100 1/2
Do. demand	100 3/16
Do. 4 months' sight	99 1/2
France—Bank T.T.	23 1/2
America—Bank T.T.	42 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T.	180 1/2
India T.T.	132 1/2
Do. demand	132 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	75 1/2
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100	75 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T.	86 1/2
Java—Bank T.T.	66 1/2
Buying.	
1 months' sight L/O.	100 9/16
5 days' sight San Francisco & New York	43 1/2
4 months' sight do.	44 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	100 15/16
4 months' sight France	23 1/2
6 months' sight do.	23 1/2
4 months' sight Germany	180 1/2
Bar Silver	24 1/2
Bank of England rate	3 1/2
3 months' sight	100 1/2

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

ITALY'S SORROW.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 26th January.

In compliance with the request of the Viceroy, the Canton Self-Government Society has issued subscription lists to solicit donations from the general public towards the funds for the relief of the sufferers by the recent earthquake calamities in South Italy.

TRAIN ACCIDENT.

On the 23rd instant, at about half-past eleven o'clock, a train knocked down a man of about forty years of age, while approaching Sai Chuen from Wong Sha. The unfortunate man was killed instantaneously, and his remains were afterwards removed to the Fong Ping Hospital.

AFTER THE NEW YEAR.

Yesterday, the Canton Arsenal, the Government Cement Factory and the Government Paper Factory were all re-opened, and work was forthwith resumed after the Chinese New Year holidays.

LOCAL DELIBERATIVE COUNCIL.

Through the recommendation of H.E. Viceroy Chang Jen Chun, Wong Ping Yau, formerly Taotai of the Prefecture of Yumchow and Linchow, has now been reinstated in his former rank and title. Taotai Wong has been appointed by the Viceroy to be a member of the Board of Directors of the proposed Canton Deliberative Council, to be formally opened on the 9th day of this month.

OFFICIALS TO BE REMOVED.

Viceroy H.E. Chang is dissatisfied with both the present Nambou and Panyu Magistrates, in the performance of their duties, and they will shortly be removed from their offices. It is ascertained that Expectant District Magistrate Lau Hing Tong and Tong Shing Tsau will be appointed to replace the two officials.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

H.E. Liang Tien Fung, a protégé of H.E. Chang Chih Tung, who was formerly a provincial judge in Hupoh, and recently retired from his post, arrived here on the 18th instant on board the steamer *Chiyun* from Shanghai and is now residing at Char Fui Street inside the city. It is said that H.E. Liang's return to Canton is probably in connection with a commission to make an investigation into the working of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company as directed by H.E. Chang Chih Tung, as the latter official has special interests in the affairs of the company.

CANTON PROVINCIAL TREASURER.

A rumour is current here in official circles that the present Canton Provincial Treasurer Wu Sang Lum is about to be transferred to another office and that the present Fukien Provincial Treasurer Sheung Ki Hang will be appointed to be his successor.

RAILWAY QUARTERS PILLAGED.

On the 17th instant, a gang of robbers attacked the railway workmen's quarters in Ching Yuen district of the Canton-Hankow Railway and completely ransacked the place, carrying away money and a quantity of articles. The inmates offered resistance with the aid of choppers and knives, ultimately killing one of them. Three of the workmen were also seriously wounded and have since been removed to the Canton American Hospital for treatment.

HORSE RACING IN BANGKOK.

Despite the generous and persevering efforts of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club to foster and promote the noble sport of horse-racing in this city the annual event excites very little interest in Bangkok outside of "owners," and even the number of these seems to be diminishing year after year. We know of some, once, enthusiastic "turf goers," who thought nothing of keeping half a dozen fine ponies for the race courses in former years, who have altogether abandoned the sport and taken to motor cars. Yesterday's attendance at the races is said to have been the smallest on record, though the programme was sufficiently attractive to draw a large gathering.

Of late years also the foreign community of Bangkok has considerably increased which is another reason why race meetings should be more largely attended than formerly. Annual race meetings at Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and other places are looked forward to with much interest, and there is generally a half holiday in all departments, but "going to see the races," in Bangkok, is generally spoken of with a yawn or something to that effect. What then is lacking in the way of attractions? Individually and collectively, the members of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club are worthy of all praise for the active interest they take in affording good sport and enjoyable pastime for the community. Bangkok boasts of as fine a race course as can be found in any place in the Far East. It has ample and comfortable accommodation for visitors, and notwithstanding all, the number of spectators seen on race days is most disappointing. With the constantly increasing number of motor cars, the pony is vanishing in proportion, and as we have stated, "owners" are becoming fewer. It would be a great pity, however, to let the pony die out, and the annual races should contribute much to promote the breed and preserve that serviceable animal. From time to time one hears much concerning the importance of improving the breed of ponies in Siam, and all will agree that measures for this purpose would be most commendable for various reasons. Horse racing in every country is considered an excellent incentive to improving the breed of horses, and wealthy Siamese gentlemen would contribute much towards this object, by keeping racing and breeding studs.—*Siam Free Press*.

A CHINAMAN, with no occupation, trespassed in the compound of the Central Police Station yesterday. He was fined \$1 at the Police Court this morning.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, HONGKONG AND CHINA BRANCH.

A MEETING OF THE HONGKONG AND CHINA BRANCH OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION will be held TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) EVENING at the SANITARY BOARD ROOM, near the Cathedral, at 9 p.m. All members of the Medical Profession, whether belonging to the Association or not, are cordially invited to be present and take part in the discussion. Two Papers will be read on—

1. Some practical uses of Picric Acid.
2. Some Ataxic Mental States.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [121]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, to TUESDAY, the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Ltd.
Agents for The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [122]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DUCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Prince, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THO. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [123]

"CRIMINAL SESSIONS."

JURORS are reminded that their attendance will be required TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 28th instant, at 10 A.M.

ARATHOON SETH,
Registrar.
Registry, Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [124]

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

Taking Cargo on through Bill of Lading to all Ports in the United Kingdom and the Continent.

THE Steamship.

"MONTGOMERYSHIRE" will be despatched as above on or about the 31st prox.

For Freight etc., apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [125]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENCLEUCH," FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 9th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 2nd prox. at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [126]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship.

"LIGHTNING," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 2 P.M. of the 27th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED, Agents.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1909. [127]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

FOR LONDON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship.

"GARNARVONSHIRE" will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, 26th February.

For further particulars, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [128]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE only Edition of the RACE BOOK and PROGRAMMES authorized by the Stewards of the Jockey Club are those printed by Messrs. MORISON & Co.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1909. [104]

NAVAL BAL-MASQUE.

FOUND in the Ladies' Dressing Rooms—ONE PEARL and TURQUOISE RACE BROOCH. Owner please apply Dance Secretary, 77mar.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1909. [116]

FOUND.

AT the Club Lusitano, on the 2nd inst., after the first performance of "The Gaiety" One GOLD LADY'S BRACELET, with Chinese Gold Coins pendant.

Owner can have same on application to—THE SECRETARY, Club Lusitano.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [60]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

HONGKONG, AMOY AND MANILA.

AS a special inducement to intend-

ing Visitors to the Philippine Carnival, we are offering a reduced fare of \$60 for passage to Manila and return by our S.S. "ZAFIRO" sailing SATURDAY, the 30th Jan.

Tickets issued at this reduced rate will be available for return by either the S.S. "ZAFIRO" leaving Manila on 7th February or the S.S. "RUBI" leaving Manila on 13th February.

Hongkong, 11th Jan., 1909. [77]

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, Hongkong.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS (as amended), every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the CENTRAL Division of the City of Victoria, and the WESTERN Division of Kowloon, occupied by members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or in Kowloon, South of Austin Road or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the owners during the months of December and January.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the Houses should be lime washed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Cubicle Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Under-sides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its containing Walls Limewashed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be Limewashed, but must be Cleaned.

The Central Division of the City lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street on the East and Tank Lane and Glover Street on the West. Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western divisions by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the North and thereof through the Yau-mai Service Reservoir to the Northern Boundary of Kowloon.

The Government Limewashing Contractor is prepared to Cleanse and Limewash Floors at the rate of \$1.00 per floor on application being made to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board.

A. GIBSON,
Secretary.
Dated this 4th day of January, 1909. [114]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP \$1,500,000)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c. Goods received on Storage. Advances made on Merchandise. Loans made on the Provident System. (Rates and Particulars on application).

THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c. Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1908. [114]

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM and after 1st January, 1909, the rates of Subscription to the Hongkong Telegraph (daily and weekly issues) will be as follows:—

DAILY—\$35 per annum.
WEEKLY—\$15 per annum.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOORIE & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$14,000,000	\$2,005,774	Interim of 1/2 for first half year @ ex 1/92 = \$21.942	5 1/2 %	\$890 sales London 286
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£1	£6	\$4,000 \$150,000	\$10,333	\$2 (London 5/6) for 1903	...	\$51
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,500,000 \$23,757 \$11,900 \$125,000	none	\$14 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$190 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 150,000 Tls. 303,747 Tls. 118,777 \$3,000,000	Tls. 160,512	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	5 1/2 %	Tls. 100 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	15,400	\$250	\$100	\$500,000 \$50,478 \$50,005 \$727,649	\$2,506,081	Final of \$15 making \$45 for 1906 and interim of \$30 for 1907	5 1/2 %	\$287 1/2 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$2,000,000 \$100,032 \$85,157	\$501,765	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1906	8 1/2 %	\$182 1/2 sales
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	70,000	\$100	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$240,007 \$15,803	\$374,413	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1906	7 1/2 %	\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$150	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,253,041	\$428,097	\$27 for 1906	8 1/2 %	\$133
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,000 \$264,538	\$1,035	\$1 for 1906	...	\$13 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$250,000 \$90,067	Nil	\$2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.1908	7 1/2 %	\$34 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$500,000 \$87,500 \$81,766 \$17,655	\$17,755	\$1 1/2 for first half-year ending 30.6.08	8 1/2 %	\$99 1/2 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	\$100,000 \$24,000	£13,755	{6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/10 = \$5.154	5 1/2 %	{37 \$17
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 750,000 \$730,000	Tls. 14,510	Interim of Tls. 1 1/2 for account 1908	7 1/2 %	Tls. 47 1/2 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	\$5,000,000 \$5,000	\$98	Second interim of 1/- for a/c 1908	5 1/2 %	Tls. 51 1/2 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$5,000 \$47,221	...	{1.00 \$0.50} for year ending 30.4.1908	{4 1/2 3 1/2 %	{23 1/2 \$15 buyers
REFINERIES.								
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 42,479 Tls. 7,000 Tls. 8,000 Tls. 12,000	Tls. 6,860	Final of Tls. 2 1/2 making Tls. 5 for 1907	11 %	Tls. 45 sellers
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	\$175,000 \$12,289	£11,556	Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year end- ing 29.2.08	7 1/2 %	Tls. 16 1/2 sales
Rio de Australia Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	\$4,878	Dr. £2,191	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	...	\$8 1/2 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$15	\$15	\$53,601	\$2,786	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	...	\$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	\$50	\$50,000 \$26,806 \$40,000 \$76,193	\$3,556	Final of \$2 1/2 making \$5 1/2 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$45 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$200,000 \$200,000	\$384,847	Interim of \$4 for account 1908	8 1/2 %	\$92 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 5,697,457 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 23,742	Interim of Tls. 2 1/2 for 6 months ending 31st October, 1908	6 1/2 %	Tls. 75 sales
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 697,457 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 23,626	Interim of Tls. 4 for account 1908	11 %	Tls. 153 buyers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 25,000 \$30,000	Dr. Tls. 6,531	Tls. 6 for 1907	6 %	Tls. 103 sellers
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,000 \$1,000	Dr. \$4,300	\$2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.07	...	\$14 1/2 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,125	\$15	\$15	\$50,000 \$648,075	\$9,178	\$1.80 for 1906	...	\$90 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$250,000 \$250,000	\$14,639	Interim of \$1 for account 1908	7 %	\$92 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$250,000 \$250,000	\$16,915	Interim of \$1 1/2 for account 1908	7 1/2 %	\$92 sales
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$50,000 \$50,000	\$4,681	70 cents for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$33 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$300,000 \$300,000	\$658	\$1 1/2 for 1907	5 1/2 %	Tls. 120 sales
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,523,045 Tls. 170,000	Tls. 107,547	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1908	7 %	\$46 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$625,000 \$625,000	\$1,541	Interim of \$2 for account 1908	9 %	Tls. 120 sales
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 150,000 Tls. 45,939	Tls. 8,820	Tls. 5 for year ended 31.10.1908	6 %	Tls. 8 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$125,000 \$125,000	\$9,553	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	5 1/2 %	Tls. 70 buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 175,000 Tls. 175,000	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.6.06 (8 %)	...	Tls. 80
Lao-kung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 800,000 Tls. 800,000	Tls. 6,108	Tls. 8 for 1906	...	Tls. 280 sellers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 28,257	Tls. 50,561	Tls. 50 for 1906	...	Tls. 280 sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$1,500 \$1,500	£648	1,100 p/c share for 1907 = \$1.037	11 1/2 %	\$8 1/2 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$12,000 \$12,000	Nil	\$1.20 or 1907	10 1/2 %	\$11 1/2 sa. and b.
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$500,000	£6,138	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06	8 %	\$5
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$125,000 \$125,000	\$3,591	80 cents for 1907	8 %	\$19 1/2 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$187,500 \$187,500	\$48	\$1.30 for year ending 31.7.08	5 1/2 %	\$14 sellers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$4,000,000 \$4,000,000	\$5,078	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	10 %	\$9 1/2 buyers
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	\$120,000 \$120,000	\$251	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07	8 %	\$12 buyers
Hall & Holtz, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	\$420,000 \$420,000	\$8,957	\$2 for year ending 28.2.08	10 %	\$22 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000 \$600,000	\$9,321	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08	6 1/2 %	\$19
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$125,000 \$125,000	\$4,578	Interim of \$1 for account 1908	8 1/2 %	\$220 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000 \$600,000	\$8,191	Interim of \$1 for account 1908	8 %	\$25 buyers
Mastechapji for Mijie, Bosch en Landbouwer- plaat in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Ga. 100	Ga. 100	Tls. 547,500 Tls. 27,003	Tls. 17,127	{4th Quarterly div. of Tls. 10 and bonus of Tls. 10 making \$50 to date {80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	5 1/2 %	Tls. 86 1/2 buyers
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$250,000 \$250,000	\$7,471	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	6 1/2 %	\$14
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$500,000	...	...	6 1/2 %	\$14
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$750,000 \$750,000	...	...	4 1/2 %	\$8
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000 Tls. 24,320	Tls. 6,608	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7 1/2 for 1907	6 1/2 %	Tls. 121 sales
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 190,000 Tls. 190,000	Tls. 8,493	Final of Tls. 9 making in all Tls. 14 for 1907	11 1/2 %	Tls. 125 sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	16,150	£20	£20	\$1,292,000 \$1,292,000	Tls. 58,322	Final of 1/16 making 53/6 for 1907	...	Tls. 437 1/2 sales
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$150,000 \$150,000	Dr. \$56,623	None	...	\$24
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000 \$100,000	\$236	40 cents for year ending 31.5.08	7 1/2 %	\$5 1/2 buyers
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,295 Tls. 4,000	Tls. 201	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 30.4.07	7 1/2 %	Tls. 94 buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$500,000	\$111	50 cents for 1907	5 %	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000 \$100,000	\$1,860	{80 cents on 9,000 ord. shares and \$10.80 on 100 Founders shares for yr. end. 31.5.07 Interim of 30 cents a/c 1908	6 1/2 %	\$13 buyers
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$900,000 \$900,000	\$6,428	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	6 1/2 %	\$9 1/2 sa. and s.
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$105,000 \$105,000	\$5,955	...	...	\$4

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